

We claim:

1. A computer implemented method of assembling a document comprising the steps of:

(a) initializing or opening in a memory of a computer a document having at least one live data field;

(b) initializing a record in the memory for each live data field, each record storing an attribute or property of data received in the corresponding live data field;

(c) inserting data into a first live data field or amending data in the first live data field; and

(d) inserting data into a second live data field or amending the data in second live data field to include the data inserted into or amended in the first live data field based on the attributes or properties of the data stored in the records of the first and second live data fields.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first and second data fields are in the same document.

3. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
the memory includes at least one record for each of a plurality of documents; and
the first and second live data fields are in different documents.

4. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the records of the first and second live data fields include a common attribute or property of the data.